

## Westwood Environmental Advisory Committee

Monday Apr 16, 2012

Approved Minutes



**Attending:** Chris Balfe, Christine Blaney, Gregory Mountain (*Sec'ty*), Michael Pessolano, Michael Ruane (*Chair*), Yash Risbud

**Regrets:** John Sciara, Kevin Brennan, Connor Odell

Ruane called mtg to order at 7:40pm

Minutes of previous mtg approved + seconded

### Westwood's Biggest Loser Contest (Pessolano)

Pessolano distributed 1-p outline

*Purpose* - promote concept of reducing household + business energy use

*Concept* - donated prizes to those w/ biggest reduction over 3-mo interval

*Potential Sponsors* - PSE&G, banks, mortgage cos., alt. energy cos.

*Benefits of Contest* - energy reduction, Sustainability pts., green outreach

*Suggested Rules* - provide energy bills, prove 3-mo. occupancy, log energy-reduction actions

*Other* - EnCom c/b judges, award ceremony @ Council Mtg to places 1-3 & runners up

*Suggested Action Items* - 16 in all; discussion follows ==>

above outline to be sent to Green Team (Blaney) + emailed to EnCom (Pessolano)

online search shows poss. model of similar contests in Texas + elsewhere

funds

Risbud asked estimate of possible prizes; Pessolano suggests <\$1K

could EnCom budget contribute? probably

timing

engaging Chamber of Commerce will require large effort

start Fall 2012 when school resumes, summer vacations over

length discussed; 6 mos. too long - all agreed 3 mos. ~right

Sub-Committee formed

Pessolano (Chr.), Balfe, Risbud

### Pride Day 2012

set-up

Ruane to provide tent, table + remaining EnCom tote bags + banner

Woods (DPW) will be asked to deliver rain barrels

Blaney will try to arrange delivery, set-up of water flow model + colleague

assign hours of EnCom personnel at next mtg.

### Rain Barrels

Community Ctr. w/b good location for awareness / assembly workshop

who would organize + lead?

trainers tutorial provided by Rutgers on CD to Odell + Mountain c/b sufficient

Rutgers team w/b ideal

but may need > Westwood participation to agree to come

Blaney will explore potential when dealing w/ Rutgers wrt shoreline restoration issue

**Shoreline Restoration (Blaney)**

May 15-17

grass planting in Girl Scout Park along banks of brook along 3rd Ave across from 'A-field'  
add'l restoration at Gritman Pond (off 4th Ave. + Meadow Rd)  
Steve Yergeau (Rutgers Env Sciences) managing State-funded project  
DPW involved in actual work; add'l community involvement is desired

**DPW Magnetic Calendars**

<http://www.4imprint.com/> is reasonable choice for EnCom-sponsored DPW annual calendar

4imprint provides formats, template designs

we could provide own design if desired

Mountain asked if material is recyclable + environmentally wise to advocate; will investigate

**Stream Turbine Project (Risbud)**

contact at USGS urged engineers test durability + options of turbine placement in stream

Blaney reiterated prior encouragement to seek USGS Permit-By-Rule #8 authorization

Blaney also suggests seeking advice from Bob Hoffman who has contacts/experience w/ USGS

**Community Garden**

unfortunately flooded / abandoned properties c/b opportunity for locating community garden  
this has already been done in Hillsdale

**New Business**

Bergen County Environmental Council (<http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/environmental/index.html>)

EnCom has been invited to send representative to next mtg Apr 30 7-8:30pm Hackensack

Passolano will attend + report back

Next mtg: May 10

Mtg. adjourned at 8:55pm